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Corcoran Delays New School

Corcoran Gallery of Art School and Monument Realty have received permission from the DC Zoning Commission to complete the Randall project on I St. SW in 2015 instead of 2011.

SW/SE ANC6D voted to oppose the move because it included delaying community benefits, such as an arts project, scholarships and a volunteer program, that had been agreed upon..

The ANC is asking the DC Attorney General for advice on enforcing the original agreement, which was the basis for the ANC reversing its opposition to the project's PUD application.

ANC Commissioner David Sobelsohn reports that Sixth Ward Councilmember Tommy Wells "hopes to arrange a meeting soon among all concerned."



July 19 SW Unity Day

Mayor Adrian Fenty, shown here at the 2007 SW Unity Day, is expected again on July 19, 2008



The St. Matthews Lutheran Church building at M St. SW & Delaware Ave. SW has been demolished and will be replaced by a new church, community center and residential building.



Above, 10 years ago in SW. See more photos on page 11.

New WASA Rate to Shift Burden to Feds

DC and Federal Government water users will have a larger share of the burden of the \$2 billion Combined Sewer Overflow costs by the DC Water and Sewer Authority under an "impervious area" charge being considered by WASA.

In documents filed with the WASA 2009 budget WASA states "an impervious area structure will cause a shift in the cost allocation between customer classes due

to differences in their water use [the present rate system] and their land use [the impervious rate structure]. Multi-Family Residential customers will pay only 13% of WASA receipts, compared to their present 27% share. Commercial users will pay 22% instead of 33%. DC Govt. will pay 6% instead of their present 4% share. The Federal Govt. share will increase from the present 15% to 35%.

Sunday Parking Restrictions Under Review

New Sun. curbside parking restrictions may be on the way out, was the impression given by DC Dept. of Transportation officials at a recent public meeting. D.C. Council Member Tommy Wells is hearing from Capitol Hill Church members who find the new parking rules especially disruptive on Sundays, when rules take effect an hour and more before the 1:35 pm game starting times.

However, Councilmember Wells has assured The Southwester that the SW/SE

ANC 6D area will be allowed to keep the Sunday and other parking restrictions

The SW/SE ANC6D has voiced strong support for continuing the Sunday restrictions.

Complaints from SW residents living on streets near the ballpark that ballpark employees were using visitor passes to park their cars in SW were met by a National's official's assurance that employees will be urged not to do that.

ANC Cites TOPP Problems

A recent meeting of SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D voted to write the DC Dept. of Transportation about problems with the new ballpark-related traffic and parking rules.

The hours for No Parking on M St. SW need adjusting, many residents feel. No-left-turn signs on 9th St. SW approaching G St. SW cause problems for residents

trying to reach their homes in the G St. area. On several blocks of different SW streets, new signs announcing parking restrictions still have not been put up.

Commissioner Bob Siegel representing the SE neighborhood complained about DOT not consulting the neighbors or the ANC before making 4th St. SE One-Way.

**\$3 coupon
for baseball
tickets on
page 9**

Public Forum on Single Sale of Beer June 23

By Peter Atlee

The Mon., June 23 public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) at 7:30 pm at St. Augustine's Church, 6th and M St. SW, will include an open discussion on whether the DC Council should prohibit sale of single bottles or cans of beer, ale or malt liquors, except for consumption on site in bars and restaurants.

Other issues that are important to the community on the program include:. 1) We will hear, first, from Lillian Iverson of the National Cherry Blossom Festival about their partnership with the Call Box Committee.

2) Next we will hear from Donna Alexander of the DC Police Foundation about the Consolidated Forensics Lab that will be coming to our community.

On the single-sale issue, Councilmember Tommy Wells is interested in community sentiment about banning the sale of single serving beverages and would like to hear your comments. His amendment to a bill on Wards 4, 7 and 8 would add all of Ward 6 under the ban, with the difference for Ward 6 that permits a liquor store to be exempted providing they enter into a voluntary agreement with their ANC, that is processed through the ABC Board

We hope to see you there!

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SWNA, Corcoran at SEU Festival



Style show at SEU International Festival. Photo by Perry Klein



Dr. Williams (standing, left) and his class at SEU designing a questionnaire on Presidential candidate Barak Obama. Photo by Perry Klein.

Southwest Community Calendar June 20 - July 3, 2008

FRI. JUNE 20 \$3 off Neighborhood Nite at Nationals Park, 7:35 pm Fireworks about 10:30 pm

SAT., SUN. JUNE 20-22 Stadium Events

SAT. JUNE 21 Flea Market 4th & I (Eye) St. SW

SAT. JUNE 21 2nd Annual Ward 6 Family Picnic & Softball by Councilmember Tommy Wells, Rosedale Recreation Center, 1700 Gales Street, NE., 11 am - 5 pm

MON. JUNE 23 WASA public rate hearing, 777 No. Capitol St. NE, 10:00 am

MON. JUNE 23 SWNA public meeting, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW, 7:30 pm

MON., TUES., WED. June 23-25 Stadium Events

FRI. JUNE 27 \$3 off Neighborhood Night at Nationals Park, 7:35 pm; Fireworks about 10:30 pm

SAT., SUN. JUNE 27-29 Stadium Events

WED. JULY 2 Ft. McNair Tattoo, 4th & P St. SW, 6 pm. End of season.

FRI. JULY 4 Independence Day Holiday

TUES. THRU SUN. July 8-13 Stadium Events

FRI. JULY 11 \$3 off Neighborhood Night at Nationals Park, 7:10 pm; fireworks about 10 pm.

TUES.-SUN JULY 28 - Aug. 3 Stadium Events

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm.

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 - noon.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

S.W. KIWANIS - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

LABYRINTH WALK - First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 8-9:30 pm preceded by Yoga Nidra at 7:00 pm. on the first Wed. & Tai Chi at 7 pm on second, third & fourth Wed.

WEDNESDAYS AT 3 pm - Practice GED test - free - takes 4-1/2 hrs; walk in at SW Library, between 3rd & 4th St., between I (Eye) and K SW, second floor; picture ID required. 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

Please submit calendar items for August events to voice mail - 202-554-8560 or by email to thesouthwester@yahoo.com or by US mail to PO Box 70131 by Wednesday, July 2.

Folklife Festival June 25-29, July 2-6

The 10-day Festival held outdoors in tents and temporary structures on the National Mall between Seventh and 14th streets, will take place from Wednesday, June 25 through Sunday, June 29 and Wednesday, July 2 through Sunday, July 6. The event is co-sponsored by the National Park Service, and admission is free. Festival hours are from 11 a.m. to

5:30 p.m. each day, with concerts, special events and dance parties extending into most evenings.

The festival is free and features a variety of activities relating to this year's programs: "Bhutan: Land of the Thunder Dragon," "NASA: 50 Years and Beyond" and "Texas: A Celebration of Music, Food and Wine."

Ann's Beauty Supply Shop

Has moved to 125 L St. SE, a block from the Navy Yard Metro New Jersey Ave. stop, behind the church.

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Perry Klein, Carole Early and Mary Ternes at the SWNA booth on historic call boxes at the SEU International Festival.

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Lincoln Theater Preview of Arena Stage Plays

Eleven hundred Arena Stage fans packed the beautiful Lincoln theatre on U St. NW for an exciting evening of previews of all 10 of the plays heading for Arena Stage in 2008-2009.

Maureen McGovern belted out a dozen rousing numbers previewing the 14 performances she will give at Arena Stage's Crystal City venue March 31 through April 12, 2009. Season ticket orders (including 3 or 4 play subscriptions) will gobble up those two weeks very early, we

predict. The New York Times has called her concert "the second half of the Great American Songbook." Her 2008 CD "A Long and Winding Road" gives the title to her Arena Stage concert.

Carrie Fisher, daughter of Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds, inaugurates Arena Stage's four productions at Lincoln theatre with three weeks (starting Sep. 5, 2008), of her play "Wishful Drinking." It is a poignant monologue that is "a hilarious insider's look at life in Hollywood." Her

appearance at the Preview was on video, but carried all the wit and humor of the production.

Ms Fisher is often identified for her role as Princess Leia of Star Wars and as the author of the best-selling novel "Postcards from the Edge."

The Preview evening began with stage appearances by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and Council Member Jim Graham, both of whom have championed the restoration of the Lincoln Theatre.

Six actors gave scenes from the world premier of Daniel Beaty's "Resurrection", which opens the season at Crystal City Aug. 29 for a one week run.

The previews on stage were followed by tents in back featuring samples from half a dozen U Street restaurants that will be showing off the riches of U Street to Arena Stage's audiences during the four productions Arena Stage has scheduled at Lincoln Theater during the 2008-09 season..

Arena Stage Waives Fees for SW

(condensed from Naomi Monk's May 27 Blog entry)

As Southwest residents know all too well, in January Arena Stage began renovating its Southwest facilities. Arena Stage plans to resume producing shows here in fall 2010. Until then, Arena will produce plays and musicals in Crystal City and at the Lincoln Theater on U Street.

Both temporary Arena homes are easily metro-accessible. And at both locations Arena has agreed to continue "Southwest Nights," performances for which anyone who lives or works in Southwest can get deeply discounted tickets.

It's always best to get Arena Stage tickets in advance. But without a box

office in the neighborhood, to get tickets Southwest residents will either have to travel to U Street or Crystal City, or order by telephone.

Normally, Arena would impose a \$3 surcharge for telephone orders. But Arena has agreed to waive that \$3 fee, for anyone who lives or works in Southwest, until the theater returns to the neighborhood. While Arena's away, if you call for tickets, advises Arena Director of Audience Services Khady Kamara, "just identify yourself as someone who lives or works in Southwest, and ask for a waiver of the telephone surcharge."

For additional information contact the Arena Stage Sales Office at (202)488-3300 or arenatix@arenastage.org.

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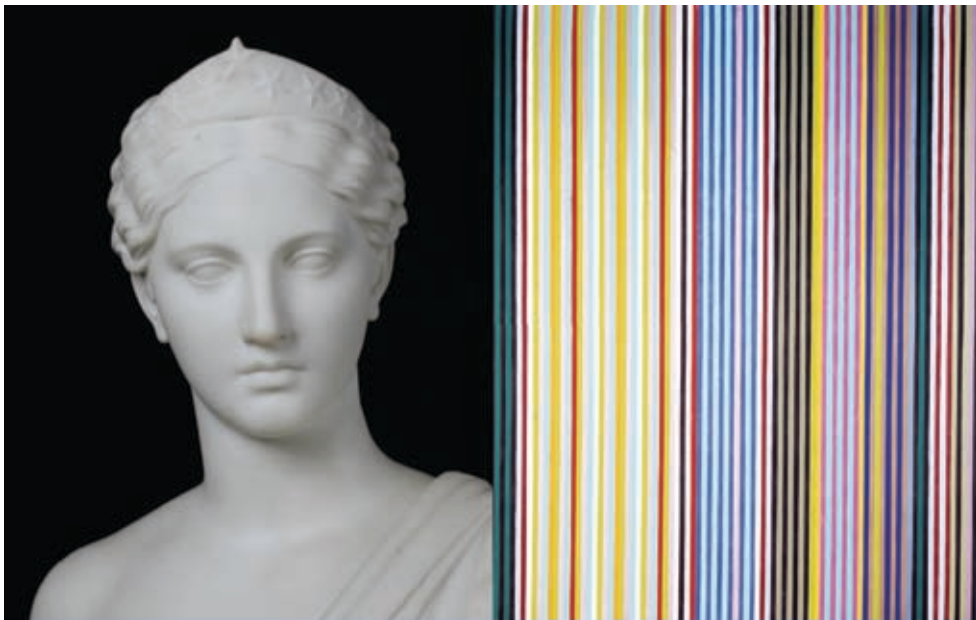
Marina View To Rent, Delays Condo Conversion

ANC 6D approved PUD changes explained at its June 9 meeting for Marina View Towers renovation and new construction. The change in the housing market makes it necessary to rent apartment instead of selling the units as condos.

Additional community benefits explained by Fairfield Residential LLC include \$178,000 renovation of the public park at 6th and K St. SW, \$50,000 for the shuttle bus connecting I (Eye) St. SW and M St. around 4th St. SW. \$22,000 each for Jefferson Middle School, Amidon Elementary and the SW Branch Library.

Pete Cahall New Principal at Wilson High

Chancellor Rhee has selected a middle school principal from North Carolina as the new principal at Wilson High, where 100 students from Near Southwest and Capitol Hill attend.



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June 6 Farewell to Bowen Elementary School

Councilmember at Large, Kwame Brown, on behalf of Councilmember Tommy Wells, presented a DC Council Resolution declaring it Anthony Bowen Community Appreciation Day on Friday, June 6th.

The day started at 9 AM with a Unity Walk of the students, families, and friends to Amidon ES where they will attend next year. They were led by the 12-member 3d U.S. Army Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) "Fife and Drum Corps."

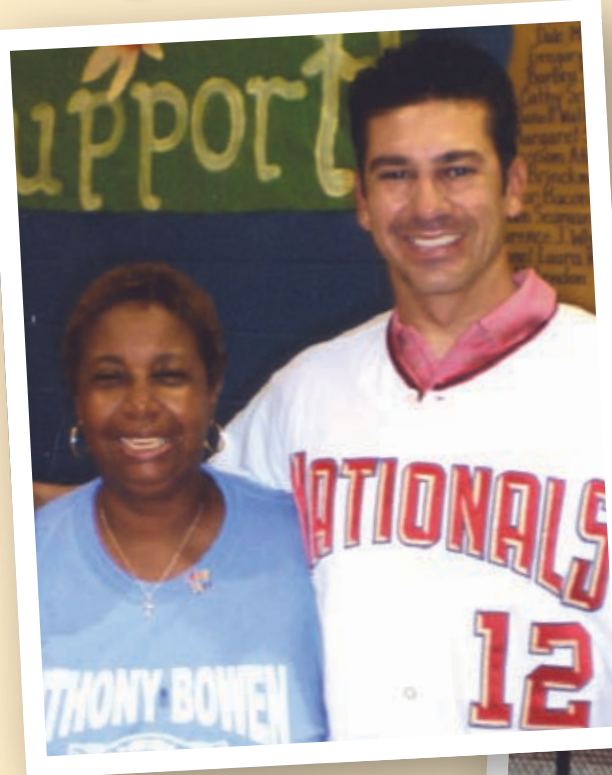
They were met there by Amidon principal John

Goudeaux who led the combined student bodies in the Pledge of Allegiance and a rousing national anthem. The Bowen students, all in blue T-shirts, then marched back to their school where they were met by the Coolidge High School drum corps and a day of activities.

Meanwhile, back at Bowen the 5th and 6th graders had been enjoying a workshop led by friends from Arena Stage. During the main assembly later in the morning, thanks were given to the many organizations and volunteers that have worked with the students. Two former principals and 6 former long-term teachers were also present to express their pride in Bowen, its history and its students. It was announced last week that Chancellor Michelle Rhee has asked the beloved Bowen Principal Mrs. Hawkins to become the new principal at Amidon while Mr. Goudeaux will take his many gifts to service in the central office.

The Washington Nationals joined in the festivities by providing player Rob Mackowiak to greet the students.

Another SW group who joined in the fun was the Corcoran Gallery and School of Art + Design who had their Artreach



program provide creative experiences. Several of the Anthony Bowen Students have artwork on display at the Corcoran's Expressions' exhibit downtown. The SW Library joined with the Children's Division at the MLK, Jr Library to provide donated books for the summer "Big Read."

The Anthony Bowen YMCA, which was started by Anthony Bowen and the first Black YMCA, provide balloons and their exciting PHD bus that provides games and fun for the children.

Bowen School served the Near SW Community for 77 years. The school is named after a favorite son who was an integral part of the underground railroad and a leading abolitionist. Born a slave who won his freedom, he established St. Paul Vincent's Church and established the first African American YMCA that stills bears his name today and convinced President Abraham Lincoln to let Black Union soldiers fight in the Civil War.

Coach Melvin Mayo poses with two students from Anthony Bowen



Bowen Bobcats Remembered For Many Stars

By Melvin Mayor, teacher-coach at Anthony Bowen for 20 seasons

Closing Anthony Bowen School signals the end of one of the most successful elementary basketball programs in Washington, DC.

Fed by players from Boys and Girls Club #4 and featuring a fast-break offense, zone and pressing defenses, the Bobcats sport a twenty season record of 171 wins, only 28 losses, a city championship, ten Regional

Championships with numerous players graduating to Jefferson Jr. High and various city High Schools.

Outstanding former Bowen Bobcats include: Preston Thomas, Anthony Thomas, Anthony Head, Gregory Head, Tamil Perry, the Hines Brothers, Sam Marbury, George Washington, Radford Ferguson, Keith Thaxton, Yakira Donovan, Kevon Scott, Jelani Johnson, Trayvon Turner and Robert Hagood.

The Anthony Bowen Program, a positive fixture in S.W. for decades, will be sorely missed.



Club #4 ages 13-15 baseball team in their new uniforms from the SW Youth Activities Task Force

No Fees at Swim Pools

Through the support of Amerigroup's Swims Free Program, there are no pool fees in 2008 for District residents.

SW Benefits Committee Teams With LISC

The SW/SE Community Benefit Committee is planning to incorporate as a 501(c)(3) and get help from LISC in setting up and administering a Community Investment Fund. The committee has been working for two years to get a consensus on benefits for the community that might be provided by the developers

that are remaking the area

LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) is a non-profit that helps other non-profits. Recently they have been instrumental in starting The Shops at Park Village, at Alabama and Stanton Rd. SE, where a Giant Food grocery store and IHOP Restaurant are locating.

Do You Have a Computer or Monitor You're No Longer Using?

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Technology Task Force continues to seek surplus PC computers and monitors for refurbishing and giving to needy families in SW DC. We're especially looking for computers less than six years old so that we can put Windows 2000 or XP on them. Contact Perry Klein at 488-7430 or by e-mail at pk@ieec.org to arrange a pickup. Donations to programs of SWNA are tax-deductible.

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"*The Business Strategy Game* is an online exercise where class members are divided into teams and assigned the task of running an athletic footwear company in head-to-head competition against

companies managed by other class members [at other universities]. Company operations parallel those of actual athletic footwear companies. Just as in the real-world, companies compete in a global market arena, selling branded and private-label athletic footwear in four geographic regions – Europe-Africa, North America, Asia-Pacific and Latin America."

Southeastern Assistant Professor John W. Milton "coaches" the SEU business students.

Support For Youth by MPD Vanishing in SW

For the three summer months of 2008 DC Metropolitan Police Dept. "Summer of Safety" events for SW include only an Ice Cream Social, a Lemonade & Iced Tea, one Bingo, one "Safe Street Play", and one Back To School Safety Seminar.

The Night Out on the SW Waterfront last summer on July 19 will not be held

this year.

And in addition - as everyone has heard - MPD, in removing Bowen School from its building to make room for One D Headquarters, has driven out Club #4 and the adults who always had a strong year-round program for SW youth.

Carry-in Bag Restrictions At Nationals Park

Due to security guidelines, no large bags or coolers will be allowed into Nationals Park. Bags measuring under 16" x 16" x 8" are allowed into the ballpark. Individual bag lunches and food & beverage for personal consumption are permitted inside the ballpark

June 7 Teen Summit



Thelma Jones gave a class in grooming to teens at the Teen Summit



Teens from throughout the city crowded the stands at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center for a day of entertainment and encouragement.

Feds, DC To Prevent Flooding in SW

The National Park Service and other agencies have started an Environmental Impact Assessment on temporary measures to protect downtown and Southwest DC from floods. Initial comments were due June 2008 with comments welcome at later stages.

"Flood Prone Properties" identified include "public and private facilities that extend into Southwest DC along 3rd St. SW," "many private residences in the community of Capital Park and others southward along 3rd St. to the intersection of P and Canal St. SW," and "approximately 110 single-family homes, 116

multi-family buildings and 2.3 million square feet of potentially unusable ground floor commercial space at risk of flooding..."

New floodplain maps that may be issued in Nov. 2009 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency were shown on page 11 of the May, 2008, issue of The Southwester.

Contact person for the National Park Service was listed as Glenn DeMarr, 202-619-7027, in documents on the National Capital Planning Commission website www.ncpc.gov.



Dr. Brown, director of the DC Office on Aging, told a SWNA meeting of DC's plans for a One-Stop Center for services for the elderly, to open this summer.

Wed. Noon Concerts NJ Ave. SE Near M

The Capitol Riverfront BID and JBG kick-off the Capitol Riverfront Concerts this Wednesday, May 28th from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm, with free musical performances and a tasty outdoor grill menu on the New Jersey Ave & Tingey Street Plaza (the plaza behind U.S. DOT).

"Capitol Riverfront Concerts is a ten week summer concert series with lively and diverse musical artists, performing everything from original pop to Latin Jazz, R&B, bluegrass, Caribbean and more. Bring your lunch or enjoy a special outdoor grill menu provided by the U.S. DOT cafeteria," according to the BID's release.

Trash Pickup Starts at 6 am

Throughout the spring and summer, when the temperature is predicted to be 90 degrees or higher or the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments announces unhealthy air quality (Code Red day), DPW collection crews will begin their work at 6 am.

"By starting at 6 am, our crews will be able to complete much of their work before the temperature becomes unbearable," said DPW Director William O.

Howland, Jr. In addition to considering our employees health, we also are reducing the amount of time garbage stays outside in the sun.±

Director Howland noted that residents may put their trash and recyclables out for pick-up starting at 6 pm the night before collections so they do not have to change their morning schedules to make sure these materials are collected.

Sat. Hours for Trash Stations

The Benning Road Trash Transfer Station will be open every Saturday, excluding holidays, from 8 am to 3 pm.

In addition weekly Hazardous Waste and e-cycling collections will begin this summer at the Ft. Totten Trash Transfer Station, 4900 Bates Road, NE.

For information about household hazardous waste and e-cycling, visit DPW's website at www.dpw.dc.gov or call 311.

Seven ANC6D Seats On Nov. 4 Ballot

Every two years all of DC's Advisory Neighborhood Commission positions are up for election or re-election. In Near SW/SE the terms of the seven ANC Commissioners on ANC6-D expire. Each must be reelected by his or her neighbors marking a separate ballot at the polling places for

the General Election for President, Vice President, Members of Congress and District Council Members, etc.

Ward 6 – which is home to the 47,000 registered voters in Near SW-SE and Capitol Hill – has been divided into

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Ballpark News



Ticket Specials at Nationals Games

Receive \$5 off tickets valued at \$24 or more for every Wednesday Nationals home game by presenting the front page of that Wednesday's Washington Post at the Nationals Box Office. Ticketing discounts apply for that date only. (Two (2) ticket maximum per Wednesday Washington Post)

For all non-premium, non-holiday games held Monday through Thursday,

senior citizens, government employees, active members of the military and college students will receive a \$3 discount off any ticket priced at \$10 or more. Tickets must be purchased on game day at the Box Office with the appropriate ID. Transactions are limited to one (1) ticket per person.

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Nats Draft Pick Is College Pitching Star

The Washington Nationals have selected Univ. of Missouri right-handed pitcher Aaron Crow in the first round (ninth-overall) of Major League Baseball's First-Year Player Draft. Nationals' officials Jim Bowden, Mike Rizzo and Dana Brown made the announcement.

Crow, 21 was rated the No. 2 pitching prospect (No. 5 overall) and was recognized as the college prospect with the "Best Fastball" in this year's draft by Baseball America. He went 13-0 with a 2.35 ERA in 15 starts this season en

route to being named a Golden Spikes Award finalist, the Big 12 Pitcher of the Year and a Louisville Slugger First-Team All-American.

Over his three seasons at Mizzou, Crow compiled a 23-8 record with a 3.27 ERA in 52 games (46 starts). The right-hander had a breakout season as a sophomore last year, leading his club with nine wins, 90 strikeouts, 117.2 innings pitched and a school-record 18 starts.

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In Memoriam – Henry Evans

In mid-May, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Scholarship Program lost one of its most dedicated, longtime volunteers, Henry Evans. Henry had been a member of the scholarship interview team since the early 1990's. Barbara Murray said that during her 16-year tenure as chair of the program, Henry took on the leadership role of recruiting a trio of interviewers, scheduling students and developing the student rating assessment tool.

"Henry was a serious man who strongly believed in encouraging Southwest students to move forward with higher education. He never failed to emphasize that they pursue their academic endeavors with excellence during the student interviews. Henry could always be counted on to be dependable and thorough and he regretted last year, when for the first time, illness prevented him from meeting with the students and overseeing the interviews," said Ms. Murray.

Henry's contribution to the youth of Southwest was enormous. We will miss him.

SEATS

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four Advisory Neighborhood Commission areas, lettered 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D, with from 7 to 11 non-salaried, non-partisan, commissioners on each. Terms are for two years starting the first Tuesday in Jan. of odd numbered years.

Candidates get their names on the ballot by getting signatures from their neighbors on a petition form supplied by

the DC Board of Elections and Ethics, located at 441 – 4th St. NW. However the first day to pick up ANC petition forms isn't until Wed. Aug. 6. They must be turned in by Fri. Sep. 5 to appear on the ballot Nov. 4.

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Honoring Justice Thurgood Marshall's Life and Legacy

At a dinner on May 17 John Marshall, Son of US Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and Elaine R. Jones, President and Director-Counsel, Emeritus, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) gave poignant yet humorous reminders of their experiences with Thurgood Marshall. Jones succeeded Marshall as the first woman to head LDF.

Held at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Southwest, the event, entitled "*A Mighty Flood of Justice – A River of Righteous Living*," was a partnership effort of St. Augustine's, St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Thurgood Marshall Center Trust, Inc. (TMC). Marshall, the first African American Supreme Court Justice, and his family attended St. Augustine's while residing in SW first on G Street and then Fourth Street during the 1960s.

Highlights of the Saturday, May 17, program included opening remarks by The Rev. Martha K. Clark, Priest-in-Charge, St. Augustine's Church and Thomasina W. Yearwood, Executive Director, TMC. In addition, musical renditions by Reverb, a local acappella group, and a poem by Jamal O. Jones, entitled "*Thurgood Marshall: A Mighty Man*." The Rev. Phillip C. Huber, Pastor, St. Matthew's is naming its new center The Thurgood and Cecilia Marshall SW Community Center. Mrs. Marshall, a member of St. Augustine's, thanked everyone for honoring and helping to perpetuate Justice Marshall legacy of justice and equality.

On Sun., May 18, Southwest resident Roger Wilkins, Professor of American History and Culture, George Mason U



Julian Tait, Cissy Marshall and Thelma Jones

was the guest speaker. Wilkins, a long time personal friend of Marshall, worked for him in New York. A photo exhibit chronicled Thurgood Marshall's life from early childhood to his seat on the Supreme Court bench. A stand-up life size display of the 1993 Marshall postage stamp, compliments of the US Postal Service.

A proposal is being considered to designate May 17 a feast day in the Episcopal Church Diocese to remember Marshall's witness, as this was the anniversary of *Brown vs. Board of Education*, Marshall's 1954 landmark Supreme Court victory which declared segregated education in public schools unconstitutional.

Sponsors of the May 17 event included Josephus Nelson, Thurgood Marshall Center Trust, John & Claire Pitzer, Dolores Jenkins, World Bank-IMF African American Association, The Rev. Bruce & Janet Eberhardt, Julian Tait, and Cissy Marshall, Honorary Sponsor.

(Thelma Jones, Mistress of Ceremony at the dinner, contributed to this article.)

Call Boxes Get Cherry Blossom Designs

[Several historic curbside Call Boxes on streets in SW will be completed with poster designs from past National Cherry Blossom Festivals, as reported here by SWNA's Lida Churchville]



Last year, the Call Box Committee of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly partnered with the Earth Conservation Corps to help us paint Southwest's call boxes the marine blue of the water, the light blue of the sky, and a bit of pink for our cherry blossoms. Now, a year later, we are proud to announce a new partnership with the National Cherry Blossom Festival that promises to reiterate Councilman Tommy Wells' claim that Southwest DC is the "Cherry Blossom Capital of the District of Columbia."

A committee meeting was held at the

headquarters of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, which is headed by Festival President Diana M. Mayhew. Committee members Barbara Ehrlich, Douglas Galbi, Nancy Masterson, Mary Ternes, Lida Churchville, and by conference call from Mexico, Perry Klein, met with Program Manager Lillian Iverson. Twelve

works of art were recommended, which must be approved before the final call box locations are decided.

Please come to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) meeting at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church on June 23rd at 7:30 pm, when Councilmember Wells and Ms. Iverson will speak to the Southwest community about our partnership and our plans to decorate our call boxes in Southwest.

Near Southwest DC in Years Gone By

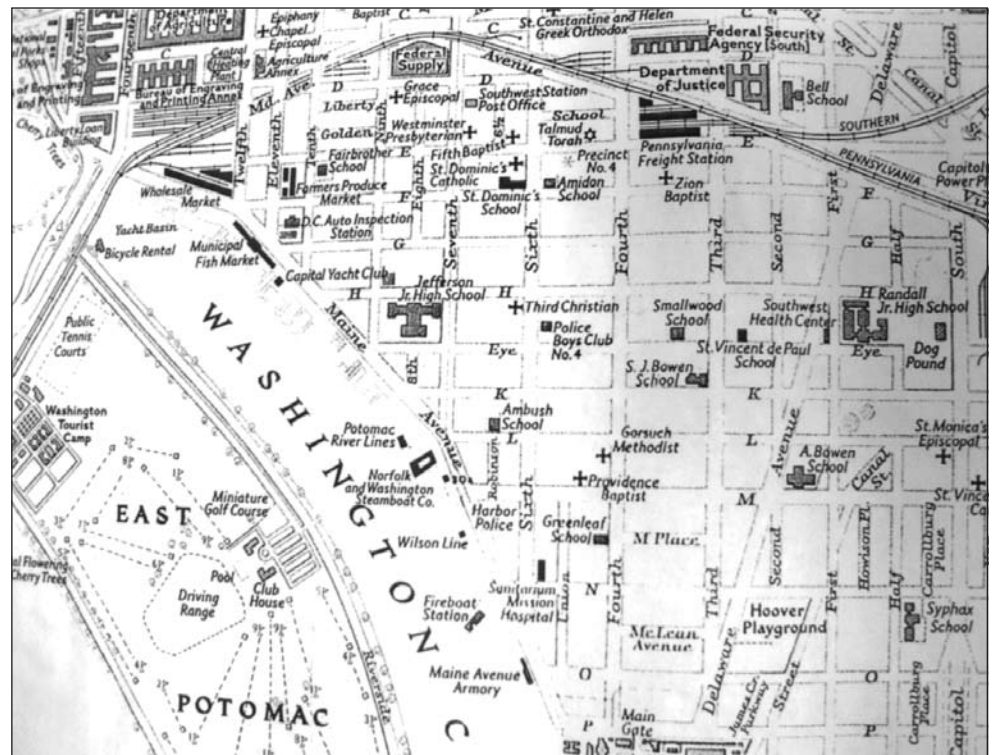
Displays at the July 19 SW Unity Day will bring back many years of memories of people and places in Southwest DC. Here are a few samples.



A huge gas tank used to be near First and K St. SW. This copyrighted photo by the late Joseph O. Curtis was loaned to *The Southwester* and for the SW Then & Now display by the SWNA History Task Force. Mr. Curtis remarked that in the early 1920s a small airplane crashed on the other side of the gas tank. He added "A hundred yards this way and the history of Southwest and its residents would probably have been quite different."



Twenty years ago these production assistants for *The Southwester* posed for a photo



A 1948 map shows many Southwest buildings that are no longer there.



A Club #4 team



#4's baseball team with coach Wyatt Green



Summer league basketball used to have ten teams competing



Some young men attract all the girls

D.C. Riots and Negro Baseball In Displays at 7th & K NW

By Lida Churchville

Local residents should not miss this summer's events at the *Historical Society of Washington, DC*. Only a short Circulator ride or Green Line ride away, the Society, located at 7th and K Streets, just south of the Convention Center, is offering exciting new exhibits and programs this summer. All events are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm.

Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Baseball Leagues: this collaboration between the Historical Society and the Smithsonian's Anacostia Museum looks at segregated baseball in the nation's capital. Baseball fans of all

ages will delight in this fine exhibit of information, photographs and memorabilia. **Related to this show:** Don't miss four films and a talk, the first at 2 pm on Saturday, June 21, *There was always Sun Shining Someplace: Life in the Negro Baseball League*, a documentary on baseball Hall of Fame Stars, narrated by James Earl Jones.

Plan on seeing *Jackie Robinson Story* at 2pm on Saturday, July 19th and *The Life & Times of Hank Greenberg* on Saturday, August 9 at 2 pm and *The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings* on Saturday, August 16 at 2pm.

At the end of the summer, there will be a gallery discussion on Wednesday

August 20th at 1 pm when William Keyes will discuss his Negro League memorabilia collection dating from 1897.

Riots are the Language of the Unheard is a small multimedia exhibit noting the grievances leading to the 1968 riots after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the efforts to address those grievances. This important second floor exhibit notes the fortieth anniversary year of the Washington riots.

Jeff Donaldson: A Retrospective from the Wall of Respect to AFRI-COBRA. Artist Donaldson, who died in 2004, was an active member of the Black Arts Movement. This exciting

exhibit portrays a large body of his work. Don't miss it!

In addition to these exhibits and movies, the Historical Society of Washington, DC is sponsoring a New York City bus trip to see the Broadway play, *Thurgood*, a one-man play, starring Lawrence Fishburne portraying the life of The Honorable Thurgood Marshall. The play celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Marshall's birth. The bus trip is scheduled for July 12th leaving DC at 7am and coming back at 9pm. The \$145 bus fare includes the round-trip charter bus, matinee theater ticket, and a continental breakfast. Sign up for this trip by calling 202-383-1828.

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